# Project Development Process

### Planning

The Mid-America Regional Council's Long Range Transportation Plan identified I-470 as a corridor study to be completed.

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## Purpose and Need Study

The I-470 Purpose and Need Study will identify transportation issues and determine whether there is a purpose and need for further consideration of transportation improvements to the I-470 corridor. The issues will be prioritized into short-term and long-term needs for future transportation studies and improvements.

**Funding is** identified to perform this phase.

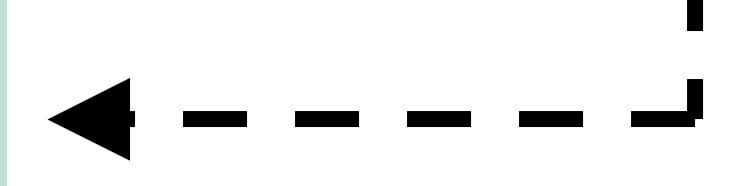


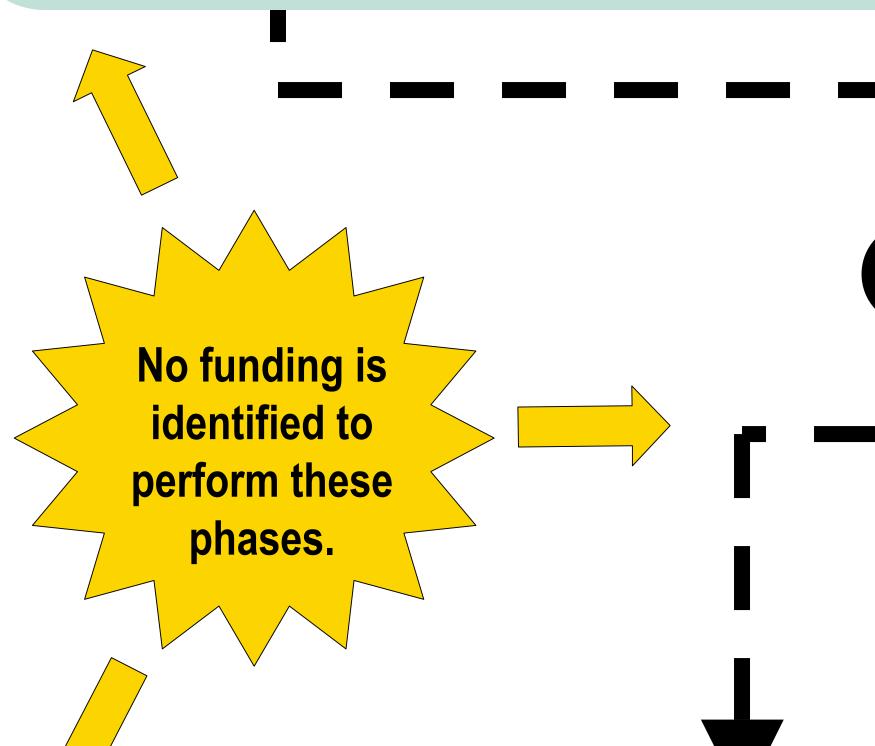
#### **Environmental Studies**

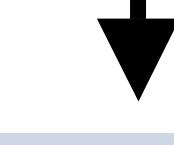
After transportation needs and general improvements are identified, the environmental studies phase will help agencies and communities decide how to make transportation improvements while avoiding or minimizing negative impacts. In general this phase involves the following process:

> Purpose and Need Refinement → Alternative Development → Evaluation and Recommendation → Decision









#### Design

The design phase includes creating preliminary and final designs and developing detailed construction drawings.

# Funding and Construction

Funding is identified, land is purchased, final project plans are completed, construction contracts are awarded and construction begins.



